

[English]

Price of Milk in Andaman and Nicobar Island

4620. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andaman-Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited, Port Blair (ANIIDCO) has increased the price of re-constituted milk;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there have been protests/representations against this hike in milk price from various quarters at Port Blair;

(d) the cost of production of reconstituted milk produced by the ANIIDCO and whether there has been any increase in the price of fresh milk supplied to it by the Animal Husbandry Department of the Andaman Administration; and

(e) the subsidies/concessions etc. given to the ANIIDCO by the Government for running the milk plant and of supplying milk to the public at Port Blair?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Shortage of Butter

4621. SHIRMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation has been marketing large number of products of the National Dairy Development Board;

(b) if so, the details of products being marketed by it;

(c) whether the price of 'Amul butter in the open market is much higher than the price at which it is sold through Mother Dairy outlets in Delhi;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of Amul butter at uniform price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) is distributing edible oils marketed by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) under the Brand name 'DHARA'.

(c) and (d). The retail price of Amul butter including dealers' margin and inclusive of all taxes is Rs. 8/- and Rs. 38.50 per pack of 100 gms. and 500 gms. respectively. Minor variations in retail price could be due to voluntary reduction of margin by the dealers.

(e) The production of butter and few other dairy products had to be curtailed as priority has been given by the public/cooperative sector dairy plants to meet the requirement of liquid milk of cities and towns. However, with the onset of flush season the production and availability of surplus milk fat is likely to improve.

[Translation]

Mineral Deposits in Bihar

4622. SHRI SURAJ MANDAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal, lead and mica reserves have been located in Paharpur divi-